

East Lothian Council

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Please find below the following requests for information to be considered under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

1) Does the council have a strategic plan or policy in place for making their local authority area:

i: age-friendly (such as an Older Person's strategy)

East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership are considering the needs of the older people in East Lothian as part of their East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership; Strategic Plan for Health and Social Care 2016-2019

'We have also traditionally commissioned or planned services based on a general categorisation of client groups such as services for older people, people with mental health problems, people with physical and sensory impairments or services for carers. This Strategic Plan recognises that every adult is an individual who may identify with more than one of these traditional groupings and our holistic approach to care will look to frame evidence based practice in the context of an individual's life circumstances. We need to ensure that care and support arrangements are tailored to individual needs and not restricted, so that transitions between services are as seamless as possible.' (Sec5, p22) A 'Well Connected' approach – sometimes called a pathway approach is being adopted.

ii: dementia-friendly (such as a Dementia strategy)

East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership are considering the needs of people with a diagnosis of dementia in East Lothian as part of their East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership; Strategic Plan for Health and Social Care 2016-2019

'The Strategic Plan will...have a strong focus on dementia through each of the Strategic Change Programmes and delivery plans.... Specifically as key elements of pathway development we will prioritise integrated intensive case management support, linking to carer support and assistive technologies. Equally priority focus will be given to supporting care homes and specialist bed based models' (Sec 6.3, p44).

2) If so, what work has been done to implement these policies?
The development of a local Dementia Strategy is being planned but is not yet underway.

3) Is this strategy, or policy document, publically available, and if so where?

East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership: Strategic Plan for Health and Social Care 2016-2019

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/12989/east_lothian_ijnb_strategic_plan

We would also be grateful if the local authority could send us a copy of any such strategy or policy document if possible.